HOUSE BILL 1625

By McCord

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the offense of carrying or possession of a handgun.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(c)

- (1) A person commits an offense who possesses a handgun and has been convicted of a felony, unless:
 - (A) The person's civil rights have been restored pursuant to title 40, chapter 29; and
 - (B) The felony for which the person was convicted was not a felony described in subsection (b).
 - (2) An offense under subdivision (c)(1) is a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.